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SUBJECT: DIET MEMBER VISIT TO US

REFS: A. CINCPAC 101851Z JUL 75 (NOTAL)

B. TOKYO 1977 DTG 140848Z FEB 75

1. VISIT OF LDP MEMBER KAZUO TANIGAWA IS, AS SUGGESTED

BY REF A AND CONFIRMED

WITH FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF TERADA, FOR PURPOSE OF
ADVANCING VISIT OF PARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO WASHINGTON. PARLIAMENTARY
DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY BE HEADED BY SEIJURO ARAFUNE AND WILL BE
COMING MAINLY FOR PURPOSE OF DIET INVESTIGATION OF NUCLEAR ISSUE
(REF B). ACCORDING TO TERADA, OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF DELEGATION QTE
TO SURVEY POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE US UNQTE
IS MERELY A COVER FOR DIGGING FURTHER INTO EMPLICATIONS OF 1974
STATEMENTS BY RADM LAROCQUE.

2. DECISION TO SEND TANIGAWA WAS MADE JULY 2 BY LOWER HOUSE BUDGET
COMMITTEE STEERING GROUP, WHICH ALSO ADOPTED FOLLOWING POINTS FOR
ARAFUNE GROUP MISSION:

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A. GROUP SHOULD LEAVE JAPAN IN TIME TO DEPART US BEFORE
END OF SEPTEMBER IN ORDER NOT TO INTERFERE WITH IMPERIAL VISIT.
B. SINCE RADM LAROCQUE IS EXPECTED TO COME TO JAPAN THIS
SUMMER, MISSION SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT TO SEE HIM IN WASHINGTON.

3. TANIGAWA ITINERARY-

JULY 15 - EVENING - DEPART TOKYO
JULY 15 - MORNING - ARRIVE HONOLULU
JULY 15 EVENING- DEPART HONOLULU
JULY 16 - AFTERNOON - ARRIVE NEW YORK CITY
JULY 17 - NOON - ARRIVE WASHINGTON
JULY 24- DEPART WASHINGTON FOR NEW YORK CITY
JULY 27 - DEPART NEW YORK FOR TOKYO

4. TANIGAWA HAS ASKED FONOFF TO SET UP FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS, AND
FONOFF HAS TASKED HONOLULU CONGEN AND WASHINGTON EMBASSY TO COMPLY:

HONOLULU--CINCPAC ADMIRAL GAYLER
CINCPACFLT ADMIRAL WIESNER

WASHINGTON--
STATE DEPARTMENT - MR. ZURHELLEN
MR. SHERMAN

DOD- ASST SEC ELLSWORTH
MR. ABRAMOWITZ

CONGRESS- SEN STENNIS
SEN SPARKMAN
SEN MANSFIELD
SEN (HUGH) SCOTT
SEN SYMINGTON
SEN HUMPHREY
REP THOMAS MORGAN

REP SAMUEL STRATTON
REP CLEMENT ZABLOCKI

BROOKINGS INSTITUTION - MR TREZISE
MR HALPERIN

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NOTE: TANIGAWA HAS FAMILY IN NEW YORK AND DOES NOT PLAN TO
ACCOMPLISH ANY OFFICIAL BUSINESS THERE.

5. BIODATA. BORN 1930, TANIGAWA GRADUATED FROM KEI UNIVERSITY
AND DID POST GRADUATE STUDIES AT HARVARD IN LOCAL
ADMINISTRATION. HE IS FROM HIROSHIMA; HAS BEEN ELECTED FIVE TIMES
TO DIET AND IS MEMBER OF THE MIKI FACTION. HE WILL BE TRAVELING

WITH A MR. MATSUBARA OF THE DIET SECRETARIAT.

6. COMMENT: ACCORDING TEREDA, TANAGAWA IS A SENSIBLE MAN WHO FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE DIFFICULTY WHICH THE ARAFUNE MISSION COULD PRODUCE FOR THE GOJ AND IS THEREFORE NOT AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF THE IDEA. IN LAST FEW DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION IN SEPTEMBER THAT WOULD KILL THE ARAFUNE MISSION, SINCE IT IS UNLIKELY TO DEPART FOR THE US UNTIL A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED DSP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP RETURNS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. EMBASSY WILL BE WATCHING THIS ONE CLOSELY AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE ALERT DEPARTMENT BY LATE AUGUST IF ARAFUNE TRIP WILL ACTUALLY GO. END COMMENT.
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